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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

CROSS PLAINS CHURCH, CALHOUN COUNTY, ALA.,

October 2d, 3d and 4th, 1886.

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The next session will meet at Friendship, Cherokee county, Ala., on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, 1887. Introductory Sermon by Elder A. J. West. Missionary Sermon by Elder J. A. Scott.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

ORGANIC.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Recess.
3. Call to order. Singing and prayer.
4. Call for Letters of Churches by Districts.
5. Read Letters and record Delegates' names.
6. Elect Moderator and Clerk.

REGULAR ORDER—NEW ORGANIZATION.

1. Invite visiting brethren and welcome them.
2. Call for Petitionary Letters.
3. Call for Correspondents and appoint the same.
4. Appoint Committees to report at this session.
5. Name home for friends.
6. Adjourn for Christian Sabbath.

THIRD DAY.

1. Call to order. Prayer. Renew call for Correspondents.
2. Call Roll of Churches and correct errors.
3. Read Constitution, Abstract of Principles and Decorum.
4. Call for reports of Standing Committees.
5. Appoint Standing Committees
6. Appoint time and place of next Session.
7. Miscellaneous Business
8. Attend to Corresponding Letter.
9. Hear Resolutions.
10. Read and correct the Minutes and adjourn to time and place appointed.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

CROSS PLAINS, ALA., OCTOBER 2, 1886.

The Tallasahatchie and Ten Island Association met with Cross Plains church this day at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. F. Potter; text, Gal. 5 chap., 1st verse.

Prayer by Eld. M. A. Cornelius.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

In the absence of the Moderator the Association was called to order by the Clerk, W. H. Burton.

Sung, "How firm a foundation."

On motion, Eld. E. T. Read was made Moderator pro tem. Read 147th Psalm. Sung "Come thou fount of every blessing.

Prayer by Eld. W. H. Moon.

Letters read by Eld. C. B. Hammett and Bro. I. P. Rosser.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Hebron—W. G. Duke, M. B. Jelks, J. M. S. Griffin.
Ohatchie—D. C. Robinett, Z. Williams, T. J. Plexico.
Friendship—E. T. Read, W. R. Kendall.
New Hopewell—T. S. Nabors, T. Littlejohn, B. D. Plexico.
Pisgah—I. H. Coley, H. C. Clement, J. B. Collins.
Cross Plains—S. D. McClellen.
Mount Olive—J. M. Rhodes, J. Green, H. S. Carter.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Nance's Creek—Samuel Love, J. Willimon.
Rabbit Town—J. F. Potter, J. N. Beeton, R. P. Defreese.
Harmony—J. V. Rhodes, A. J. H. Borders, W. E. Bowling.

New Bethel—E. M. Pinson, W. C. Haynes, N. Stephens.
Pleasant Ridge—B. Britt, E. W. Cobb, W. T. Owens.
Zion Hill—J. M. Busby, J. P. Ward, W. Thompson.
Antioch—W. F. Wells, E. McDowell.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Mt. Zion—C. B. Hamnett, I. P. Rosser.
Liberty—J. R. Graham, E. Roberts, G. D. Hanks.
Amberson—J. G. Mitchell, J. R. Holcombe.
Pilgrims Rest—J. W. Baker, G. W. Willimon.
Bethel—J. W. King, E. H. Lindsey, G. W. Hunt.
Nazareth—No delegate.
Sandy Creek—A. P. Richardson, W. H. Hughes.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Providence—Thomas Blair, I. N. Davis.
Center—John Moon.
Tates' Chapel—W. H. Burton, W. H. Ballard, R. T. Ewing.
Pleasant Valley—No delegate.
Pine Grove—E. Wilson, J. West, W. N. Angle.
Chalcedonia—R. J. Sims, E. Winkles.
Friendship—J. K. Neyman, W. S. Williams.
New Bethel—B. T. Bomar.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Moderator—E. T. Read.
Clerk—W. H. Burton.
Assistant Clerk—J. B. Graham.

CALLED FOR PETITIONARY LETTERS.

None.

CALLED FOR CORRESPONDENTS.

Coosa River Association—J. J. D. Renfroe, W. S. Griffin, S. C. Keely, J. S. Keely, J. F. Graham.
Cedar Bluff—W. H. Moon, M. A. Cornelius, J. H. Lawrence, J. M. Chancellor.
Etowah—W. Y. Adams.
Harmony—V. M. Thackerson.
San Saba, Texas—J. F. Andrews.

APPOINTED CORRESPONDENTS.

Coosa River—J. F. Potter, G. W. Duke, S. D. McClellen.
Cedar Bluff—J. W. King, W. H. Burton, W. H. Ballard, I. N. Davis.
Harmony—C. B. Hammett.
Cave Spring—W. R. Kendall, W. H. Burton.
Etowah—T. S. Nabors, H. C. Clements.
Cherokee—W. H. Burton.
Baptist State Convention—J. B. Graham, J. W. King, E. T. Read, W. H. Burton.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT THIS SESSION.

Preaching—E. Roberts, W. H. Ballard, with the Deacons of Crop Plains church.
Finance—R. J. Sims, E. H. Lindsey, W. G. Duke.
Deceased Ministers—J. W. King, A. J. H. Borders, J. P. Ward.
Documents—J. F. Potter, D. C. Robinett, I. H. Coley.
Nominations—J. R. Graham, J. N. Whitehead, T. S. Nabors.

On motion of J. B. Graham, Dr. Renfroe was received in his official capacity as editor of the *Alabama Baptist*, to which he responded in a few appropriate remarks.

At the special request of W. H. Burton, Dr. Renfroe was appointed to preach the missionary sermon to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Named homes for delegates.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m. Monday.

Sung "'Tis a point I long to know."

Prayer by T. S. Nabors.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Preaching at the Baptist church by Dr. J. J. D. Renfroe. At the Methodist church by Eld. W. Y. Adams of the Etowah Association.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

Preaching at 9 o'clock a. m. by Eld. C. B. Hammett.

11 O'CLOCK.

Preaching at the Baptist church by Dr. J. J. D. Renfroe; at the Methodist church by W. H. Burton; at the Presbyterian church by W. S. Griffin.

Collections for missions, $27.85.

3 O'CLOCK P. M.

At the Baptist church by Eld. E. T. Read; at the Methodist church by Eld. M. A. Cornelius; at the Presbyterian church by Eld. J. W. King.

AT NIGHT.

Baptist church, Eld. G. D. Harris; Methodist church, Eld. W. H. Moon; Presbyterian church. Eld. C. B. Hammett. At Ladiga, Dr. Renfroe; at Amberson, Eld. M. A. Cornelius.

Large and attentive congregations at all the churches, and we believe that God will abundantly bless the word preached at Cross Plains, and that he will give them a gracious revival of religion.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, OCT. 4, 1886.

The Association met. Sung "I love thy kingdom, Lord."

Prayer by J. R. Graham.

Renewed call for correspondents:

From Coosa River—Elders E. T. Smyth, G. D. Harris.

From Boiling Springs—W. J. Young.

Called roll and marked absentees.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

Prayer meetings, to be edifying and profitable, should be informal meetings. When any services in religion are conducted with a view to meet the approbation of the world we will fail to enjoy the comforts of true religion. What pleases the world will not feed the soul or have the dictation of the spirit of our Heavenly Master. We should use various methods in conducting prayer meetings as circumstances may present themselves, or as the Holy Spirit may dictate, and be conducted or led by those most gifted, and who seems to be in the spirituality of the work. For unless the leader of the meeting has spirit and life, the meeting will be a cold and uninteresting one. There must be spirit if there is life in a prayer meeting. If cold and lifeless, it will not edify or profit those in attendance, but will discourage them from regular attendance, and make it a task rather than a pleasure to attend the meeting. All true Christians love to be in a meeting that has a revival spirit in it. It is a joy and a delight for Christians to meet when the Holy Spirit dwells with them.

We can call back so many happy seasons enjoyed in prayer meetings, and suppose most of Christians can witness to many happy seasons they have enjoyed in them where the Joys of God's salvation was restored unto them. It should be the leading object in prayer meetings to have the revival influence of religion in them, which we can have if we desire, expect and earnestly seek for it. God will not bless his people unless they have faith, desire and seek for his blessing, and when we approach Him in this way He will always bless us. We have His blessed word for it, and we have experienced so often the truth of His word. Then why not always at our prayer meetings have times of rejoicing? The cause lays at our own doors and in our own hearts. God will not disappoint us if we approach him in the way laid down in his holy word, for he is the same yesterday, to-day and forever,—he changes not. All Christians should have moral courage and boldness enough to speak in prayer meeting when impressed to do so. We should adopt various methods in conducting our prayer meetings. Sometimes it's profitable to have experience meetings, request meetings and other methods, that all may have an opportunity to express their feelings. That they may speak one to another. That the Lord may harken and hear them, who will keep a book of remembrance for them that fear the Lord and think upon his name.

While pastors of churches should use their influence and encourage all his churches to hold regular prayer meetings, yet it is not necessarily his work or his duty to attend and conduct those meetings. Every member of a church should feel it his work to give prompt attendance, aid and encourage by his presence their words of love and their prayers, always striving to be in the spirit of the Master. When you find a church or neighborhood

where no prayer meetings are kept up, you will find a people without much religion. For religion is a principal that must be cultivated to enjoy it or to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our lights will not shine to the world unless we have a revival of religion in our own hearts; we cannot teach transgressors the way, nor will sinners be converted to God through our influence.

We are creatures of imitation; we imitate others, and others imitate us. We are inclined to follow the footsteps of one another, and if we are guided right by the spirit in religious matters, we will guide others in the way of life everlasting. But if the light that is in us be darkness, how great is that darkness. We should so strive to have the love of God dwelling in our hearts that we can say, "I was glad when it was said let us go up to the house of prayer," and when we get there only pray for the things we earnestly desire and expect. And we should make our talks, our prayers and services short, and strive to make them interesting to all. Use subjects appropriate to the occasion, applying them with spirit and power Doing this, our prayer meetings will grow in interest and numbers, and will benefit us and the world. Advance the cause of our Heavenly Master and glorify His name.

J. R. GRAHAM.

Adopted.

MISSIONS.

A mere eulogy on missionary work or missionaries does not constitute a report proper.

In view of the many tokens of Divine favor in our mission work in foreign lands and at home, we should bless God and take courage. Gospel light beams upon the vast continents and the sea girt isles in the midst of the waters.

The Home and State Boards have done a noble work. What church, what child of the Master can afford to be indifferent in this Heaven-appointed work? As church members, let us *every one* give as the Lord has prospered us. We would advise our churches to contribute to the great work of missions monthly or quarterly, as this plan has been found by experience to work much better than the old plan of annual collection.

Let each church have *some plan* and *work that plan faithfully*, and the Great Head of the Church will give you prosperity and happiness.

We have but little destitute ground in all of our Association, and as quite a number of our churches are dissatisfied with the present plan of our Evangelist, we most respectfully recommend the body to pass the following resolution:

That all the money sent up or pledged for state missions be used by the Executive Committee to employ pastors who reside in the bounds of the Association at $1.50 per day to labor in each district, and let these four pastors do the missionary work instead of emyloying one Evangelist. The money to be equally divided among the districts.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. BURTON.

Adopted after discussion by Harris, Burton, Smyth and others.

Called for pledges from churches and individuals.

Churches and Individuals.	State.	Foreign.	Home.	Bible Work.	Indigent Ministers
Ohatchie	5 00				
Friendship (1st Dist)	5 00				
New Hopewell	5 00				
Cross Plains		15 00			
Mt. Olive	3 00				
Hebron	5 00	5 00			
Rabbit Town	5 00	5 00	5 00		
Harmony	10 00	20 00			
New Bethel		5 00			
Pleasant Ridge	2 00				
Zion Hill	5 00	5 00			
Liberty	30 00				
Amberson		2 00			
Bethel		7 50	7 50		
Sandy Creek	5 00	25 00			
Antioch	2 00				
Centre	5 00				
Tate's Chapel		7 75		1 25	
Pine Grove	5 00				
Friendship (4th District)	5 00				
Providence	5 00				
James Callens (paid)	1 00				
Dr. T. N. White	1 00				
W. T. White		1 00			
T. S. Nabors		1 00			
B. D. Plexico		1 00			
F. G. Becknell		50			
G. W. Willimon (paid)	50				
J. W. Baker	50				
I. P. Rosser	1 00				
I. A. Ellis	1 00				
W. A. Acker	2 00				
Julia Greer	25				
Ellen Duke	25				
Mrs. Dr. Davis	1 00				
Frances Beard	1 00				
Mrs. Westberry	25				
Z. Price	50				
Emma Palmer	1 00				
Mrs. Thomas Blair	50				
Mrs. Hanks	25				
Mrs. S. Davis	50				
W. M. Graham	1 00				
Alice Wilson	25				
Lula Graham	50				
Fanny Savage	1 00				
Maggie Wilson	1 00				
J. P. Ward (paid)	1 00				
W. S. Williams					1 00
Cash on Sabbath	28 00				
Total	$142 05	$100 75	$12 50	$1 25	$1 00

Grand Total, $262.05.

HOW TO GET UP A REVIVAL OF RELIGION.

I feel my inability to do justice to this subject, believing that upon this subject the life of the Christian, of the churches and the advancement of the cause of Christ are dependent. For without the revival influence of religion the Christian and the churches have a name to live but are dead. Now if the life of the Christian is hinged upon this subject, is it not of great importance that we should know how we may get under the influence of a genuine revival of religion? And the question may be asked, what is a revival of religion? It is not a principal of love and joy implanted in the heart by the Holy Spirit? If so, we are told that we must ask in faith for the influence of that Holy Spirit. David called it the joy of God's salvation, and prayed that it might be restored to him.

Revival of religion consists, first, with his people being filled with the love of God, having love for God, for one another and love for the sinner, and a strong desire for their salvation. A revival of religion also consists (as commonly accepted) in conviction of sinners and conversion of mourners. But a revival of religion, or a revival of any principle, is where the principle has once existed, and it cannot be a revival of any principle that has never existed, and before we may hope for the salvation of sinners, the church or the people of God must therefore be revived, return to their first love, be filled with God's spirit and with glory.

We readily see the importance of a revival of religion in our churches and in all our hearts; for if the salvation of the world depends on the efforts of God's people, and that their efforts are vain unless guided by the Holy Spirit, and have the joy of God's salvation restored to them, how important it is that we have a genuine revival of religion in all our churches. Therefore the question arises, what means can be used, if any, to get up this revival spirit in all our hearts? Well, we must desire, expect and ask for a revival of religion in our own hearts, each for themselves first, and then in the hearts of all God's people. We must ask for it and ask in faith. We are told that whatsoever we ask, believing it will be granted unto us, we must ask for the blessing now. I fear we too often expect to be blessed some time in the future at our next protracted meeting or some future day of that meeting. We should ask for a blessing to-day, not to-morrow,—let to-morrow provide for itself. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Oh, how dangerous it is to wait for a more convenient season. My brother, my sister, if your child or friend was dangerously sick you would not be willing for the physician to put off his visit until to-morrow or next week, but would say come now, come at once. Yet when our children and friends are in danger of eternal death at any time, we, by our actions, tell the physician of souls that some time in the future will do. Let this be the cry from every one, "Come now, this very day, this very hour and heal my friends." But the question is still asked, what must we do, what can we do that we may have the blessed spirit to dwell with us, and have a revival of religion in our churches, in our homes and in our hearts?

One important step is, first, earnestly desire, expect and seek for a revival to spring up in each of our own souls, and if we get ourselves revived we will have a revival of religion that will glorify God, and be the means of saving sinners and of building up the cause of our blessed Savior. We will all have the joy of God's salvation restored to us, and if all this is accomplished, we have the word of God for it that transgressors will be taught the way and sinners come flocking home to their Father's house. Christians made to rejoice on earth and saints in Heaven, over the return of lost sinners Let us all begin now to call from the depths of our hearts, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on *me*, help me *now*, Then you can all return to your homes and churches praising God in your feelings for

redeeming grace and dying love, which will kindle a flame of love in our hearts which will burn and spread until this land and country will be made happy because the love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts.

J. R. GRAHAM.

Adopted.

Adjourned one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

1 O'CLOCK.

Re-assembled in the house. Sung "On Jordan's stormy Banks."

Prayer by W. H. Burton.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Believing that in the Sabbath School the minds of the young are easiest directed in the right channel and their hearts touched and impressed with the truths of the gospel, we therefore most earnestly urge each church in this association to organize one at once. We further favor their organization for the reason that it opens up a work for every member of the church and is a nursery for the children. Knowing that among Baptists the Sabbath School is an almost universal acknowledged factor in the work of the church and an indispensible auxiliary towards its advancement and success, we therefore deem it unnecessary to dwell upon the advantages to be gained by it. But there are a few points which we desire to impress the minds of all.

1st. We believe the school should be under the control of the church, the officers, or at least the superintendent, appointed by the church.

2d. We believe it is the duty of all church members, and especially parents, to co-opperate in the work and give all the aid and assistance in their power to advance its interests. We most earnestly insist on every church member making this a personal question.

We recommend the use of lesson helps in our schools strictly Baptistic. We recommend *Kind Words* lesson helps publications of our own South land. Believing that more advanced and systematic methods for carrying on the Sabbath School work in our Association are needed, we therefore recommend the appointment of a Sabbath School Convention by the body now in session to be known as the Sabbath School Conventton of the Talasahatchie and Ten Island Association, the business of which, as the creature of this Association, shall be to meet annually and discuss the questions pertaining to the Sabbath School work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. KING.

After discussion by Harris and Smyth, adopted.

Sunday School Convention to meet on Friday before the Association.

EDUCATION.

This subject having been introduced into list of annual reports for the first time, it is competent and proper to qualify the term as used in our Associations. Its special import is to the support of our denominational schools, secular and theological, designed for the education of the children of the Baptists and the education of the ministry. In all vocations wher

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education is not an absolute necessity, it is a powerful help, an auxiliary whose presence will always command respectful consideration.

Without arguing the importance and necessity of education in general or specifically, your committee would submit the following resolution:

That while we do not deem a finished education as *sine qua* now requisite or condition to the preaching of the gospel, yet we recognize and appreciate its advantage and recommend it as the duty of churches to aid, where it is possible, in the education of our ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GRAHAM.

After discussion by Smyth, Harris and Graham, adopted. On motion of Eld. G. D. Harris, called for pledges for Ministerial Education.

W. H. Burton	$2 00
G. D. Harris	5 00
A. P. Richardson	2 00
J. R. Graham	3 00
H. C. Clement	1 00
G. W. Hart	1 00
A. J. H. Borders	5 00
T. N. White	2 00
T. J. Plexico	2 00
B. T. Plexico	1 00
J. F. Potter	2 50
J. W. King	1 00
R. T. Ewing	2 00
E. Roberts	2 00
G. W. Willimon	1 00
J. V. Rhodes	2 00
T. Littlejohn	1 00
H. S. Carter	1 00
J. S. Kelly	2 00
W. T. White	1 00
E. W. Cobb	1 00
John West	1 00
W. H. Hughes	1 00
Total	$44 50

READING THE BIBLE.

Reading the Bible is one of the greatest blessings of this age of gospel privileges. In this Holy Book, with its scenes of Heavenly radience and phophetic splendor, we find the glory and majesty of Jehovah. In its word pictures of suffering, trial and prosecution we find the wondrous love of the Savior. Dear brethren, how can we neglect a privilege of so great importance?

Here we find a baim for every trouble, a precious promise in every sorrow, and a blessed assurance in every bereavement. Are we sad? Here is hope. Are we weak? Here is strength. Are we hungered? Here is meat and drink for the thirsty soul

It is full. it is complete, it contains all we need to know, if we read without prejudice, to light our way from earth to Heaven. A casual reading or selecting scriptures is not profitable. but we should have a thourough knowledge of all the book contains. We should read prayerfully, humbly,

begging the guidance of the Holy Spirit to enlighten us and lead us to the fountain of all truth.

A. J. West.

Adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

In the absence of a regular report, we offer the following:

Resolved, That we hail with joy the onward movement of the great cause of temperance, and rejoice to believe that the doctrine of the prohibition of the traffic in ardent spirits by law is rapidly becoming the sentiment of all true men, and especially of all true *Christians*; and we boldly proclaim it to be the sentiment of this body that all Baptist men and women should give *constant* encouragement to the cause of tamperance and the support of prohibition.

J. V. Rhodes.

After able speeches by Rhodes, Read and Smith, adopted. Eld. E. T. Read then offered the following resolution, which was adopted by the body:

Whereas, It is the sense of this body that prohibition by law is judicious, therefore be it

Resolved, That Hon. W. J. Alexander and Hon. J. M. Caldwell be and are hereby requested to frame and aid in the passage of a local option law to enable the people of Calhoun county to vote on the subject of prohibition or no prohibition.

OTHER REPORTS.

PINE GROVE CHURCH.

On the 11th of September, 1886, we visited Pine Grove church, a member of this body, in Cherokee county, Ala. We met with a large assemblage and their beloved pastor, Eld. E. Wilson. Upon investigating the charges preferred in said resolutions, we find nothing in manner and form adequate to sustain the charges. We received the kindest Christian love and courtesy from both pastor and flock. Think we left the sister in a pleasing and better form, expecting to be with us this session.

E. T. Read,
J. R. Graham,
J. F. Potter,
Committee.

Adopted.

W. H. Burton protested and asked leave to explain. Objected to by Eld. E. Wilson.

DOCUMENTS.

We cheerfully and heartily recommend the following literature and publications as worthy of our patronage and reading: *The Tennessee Baptist*, *The Baptist Reflector*, *The Christian Index*, *Foreign Mission Journal*, and especially *The Alabama Baptist*, as it is our State organ. For our Sunday Schools the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention, published by the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga., and that of the Baptist

Publication Society at Philadelphia. But above all, the systematic, careful and prayerful reading of the Holy Scriptures.

J. F. POTTER, Ch'n.

After discussion by Smyth, Harris and Renfroe, adopted.

DECEASED MINISTERS.

Whereas, The all wise God in his providence has seen fit to remove from among us our much beloved and highly esteemed brother and co-laborer in the ministry, Eld. H. A. Williams. Therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of our brother this Association has sustained serious loss as a faithful benefactor, his church an untiring worker and obedient servant, the ministry a devoted co-laborer.

Resolved 2d, That we bow in humble submission to the will and providence of almighty God, who worketh all things after the council of his own will.

Resolved 3d, That a page of our Minutes be draped in mourning in memory of our dear brother.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. KING, Ch'n Com.

NOMINATIONS.

Bro. A. J. West to preach introductory sermon, Bro. J. W. King' alternate.

Bro. J. A. Scott to preach missionary sermon.

J. R. GRAHAM, Ch'n.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Received of W. H. Ballard, treasurer, for state missions		$233 30
Received of W. H. Ballard, treasurer, for foreign missions		70 00
In our hands from last session for state missions		76 96
In our hands from last session for foreign missions		58 90
In our hands from last session for colportage fund		5 00
		$444 16
Paid W. H. Smith, Evangelist	$165 00	
Paid W. B. Crumpton for home missions	5 00	
Paid H. A. Tupper for foreign missions	58 60	
Paid for exchange	30	
Paid Maddox for W. H. Smith	1 50	
		$230 00
Mission money on hand		$213 76

We imployed Eld. W. H. Smith, Evangelist, as directed by the Association and have paid him $165 for three months and nine days work.

J. R. GRAHAM, Ch'n.

TREASURER.

Received of Finance Committee:	
For foreign missions	$70 00
Collection on Sabbath	27 85
State and Home Msssions and Indigent Ministers	205 45
For Minutes	45 85
	$349 15

Paid Executive Committee $303 30
Paid Clerk..... 45 85

$349 15

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Ballard, Treas.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

DR.

Received on pledges and in cash for missions and minutes.....$349 15

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Paid to W. H. Ballard, Treasurer.....$349 15

Owing to the manner in which it was paid over we find it impossible to give the names of the churches and individuals from whom it was received.
R. J. Sims, Ch'n.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Appointed standing committees:

Missions—J. F. Potter.

Reading Bible—J. R. Graham.

Sabbath Schools—J. B. Graham.

Temperance—Dr. W. E. Bowling.

Prayer Meetings—C. B. Hammett.

Education—J. W. King.

Living in the Spirit of Family Prayer—J. A. Scott.

How can we make our Churches Spiritual all the year—M. Garrett.

The best plan to get up a Revival in our Churches—J. N. Whitehead.

Appointed the next session of this body to meet with Friendship Church, Cherokee county, Ala.

Appointed J. R. Holcombe on the Executive Committee in place of W. P. Hughes, deceased.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

First District—Sunday School mass meeting at Pisgah, embracing first Sabbath in August, 1877.

Third District—At Bethel, Friday before the second Sabbath in August, 1887.

Fourth District—Friday before the third Sunday in August, at Friendship.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each church be requested to send statistics of Sunday Schools in connection with church statistics at our Associational meetings.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the citizens of Crop Plains and the community for their hospitality and uniform kindness during our stay here; also, to the Methodist and Cumberland Presbyterian brethren for the tender and use of their house of worship.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

Dear Brethren:—Our Association met according to appointment, an interesting and we trust profitable session. Our next session is appointed to convene with Friendship Church, Cherokee county, Ala., on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, 1887.

We invite the brethren from your bodies, and our prayer is that the rich blessings of God, our Heavenly Father, may be with you.

REPORT OF EVANGELIST.

I have been on the field three months and nine days. The following is a summary of the work:

Sermons Preached	134
Persons Baptised	90
Joined by Letter and Restoration	20
Conversions	110
Miles Traveled	700

W. H. Smith.

After singing "Children of the Heavenly King" and taking the parting hand, the Association adjourned to the time and place appointed.

E. T. Read, Moderator.

W. H. Burton, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

E. T. Read, Jacksonville,
W. H. Burton, Center,
J. F. Potter, White Plains,
J. A. Scott, Davisville,
E. A. Hail, Kirk's Grove.
W. H. Stephens, Rock Run,
D. R. Johnson, Martin's Cross Roads,
D. C. Robinet, Jacksonville,
J. V. Rhodes, Chocolocco,
W. W. Coleman, Chocolocco,
Thomas Blair, Centre,
W. D. Taylor, Center.
E. Wilson, Center,
J. W. King, Forney,
A. J. West, Cross Plains,
C. B. Hammett, Round Mountain.

UNORDAINED.

T. S. Nabors, Cross Plains,
Z. T. DeBerry, Forney,
J. M. DeBerry, Forney,
W. A. Payne, Forney,
W. Ayons, Cross Plains,
E. D. Acker, Cross Plains,
D. Calhoun, Peek's Hill,
J. H. Henderson, Hebron,
W. M. Reynolds, Spring Gordon,
J. M. Belton, White Plains,
W. A. Stedham, Chocolocco,
D. Keener, Centre.
R. Ragon, Centre,
S. L. Cross, White Plains,
A. Baker, White Plains,
M. V. Steadham, White Plains,
J. N. Whitehead, Stock's Mill,
G. B. Carnes, Center,
Noah Stevens, Besea,
R. F. Wilson, Besea,
J. R. Coleman, Chocolocco.

☞Owing to the hasty adjournment of the body we failed to receive full reports from some of the committees, and we are not certain that we have some of them correct yet—hope they are. This waiting has caused a delay in printing the Minutes. We haven't room for the Constitution, Abstract of Principles and Decorum. We hope the Clerk will be able to get them in another year.

CLERK.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF

Elder Henry A. Williams,

An able and faithful Minister of the Gospel,
who has completed his work on
Earth and gone Home.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF CHURCHES.

Churches.	Post Offices.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Baptised.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dism'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Died.	Total.	For Minutes.	Days of Meeting.	Constituted.
First District.													
Hebron	Hebron	T. K. Trotter	B. W. Duke	25	10	9	1	1	..	157	3 00	1	1839
Ohatchie	Jacksonville	D. C. Robinett	T. J. Plexico	6	5	...	...	...	...	46	1 50	2	1878
Friendship	Jacksonville	D. C. Robinett	D. B. Johnson	2	3	...	...	...	...	29	60	1	1871
New Hopewell	Allsup	M. A. Cornelius	D. D Nabors	.	3	1	...	.	2	62	2 00	2	1871
Pisgah	Gnatville	A. J. West	J. B. Collins	6	2	3	...	1		61	1 45	1	1884
Cross Plains	Cross Plains	G. D. Harris	M. T. Ledbetter	...	1	6	...	...	3	57	1 00	2	1870
Mt. Olive	Jacksonville	D. C. Robinett	P. Bailey	6	7	3	1	..	.	40	1 25	2	1885
Second District.													
Nance's Creek	Cross Plains	A. J. West	J. A. Borden	6	.	..	2	.	1	45	1 25	4	1865
Rabbit Town	Rabbit Town	J. F. Potter	R. P. Defreese	15	...	1	4	..	3	79	2 00	2	1836
Harmony	Chocolocco	J. A. Scott	B. L. Bordens	8	9	10	7	2	3	166	2 50	2	1838
New Bethel	Berea	G. D. Harris	E. M. Pinson	....	1	7	3		2	77	2 00	4	1879
Pleasant Ridge	White Plains	R. M. Cheatwood	W. Rhodes	...	2	7	1	.	2	74	2 00	1	1880
Zion Hill	White Plains	J. F. Potter	A. N. Ward	1	2	7	...	..	1	113	2 00	3	....
Antioch	Jacksonville	D. C. Robinett	W. F. Wells	8	4	3	...	...	..	24	75	..	1884
Third District.													
Mt. Zion	Spring Garden	J. C. Holden	I. A. Ellis	17	12	7	2	1	..	105	1 50	3	1853
Liberty	Stock's Mill	W. S. Griffin	E. Roberts	37	14	15	1	7	2	167	3 00	1	1839
Amberson	Spring Garden	J. M. B. Gresham	J. R. Holcombe	.	...	...	1	..	..	22	75	4	1881
Pilgrims Rest	Forney	J. C. Holden	J. W. Baker	13	7	3	2	1	..	35	1 35	1	1878
Bethel	Forney	J. W. King	T. H. Leng	15	13	6	....	5	..	110	1 50	2	1849
Nazareth	Forney	E. A. Hall	J. Conner	..	..	...	....	..	..	68	....	1	1860
Sandy Creek	Forney	J. A. Scott	R. W. Landrum	10	1	16	....	.	1	96	1 50	3	1865
Fourth District.													
Providence	Center	C. B. Hammett	Thomas Moon	20	7	3	....	..	..	76	1 75	4	1841
Centre	Center	.....	J. Milsap	11	9	..	....	..	.	33	1 50	2	1845
Tate's Chapel	Center	W. H. Burton	J. J. Snead	11	13	2	....	..	1	88	2 50	1	1883
Pleasant Valley	Center	.....	.....	..	...	..	....	..	..	43	.....	1	1875
Pine Grove	Center	E. Wilson	J. E. Massengole	14	....	13	9	10	..	100	2 50	2	1858
Chalcedonia	Howel's X Roads	W. H. Burton	L. W. Watts	6	11	2	....	2	1	53	1 00	4	1851
Friendship	Howel's X Roads	W. H. Burton	D. F. Wood	18	19	4	...	..	..	158	2 20	3	1839
New Bethel	Key	W. H. Moon	E. M. Sorrell	14	11	4	3	3	1	80	1 50	1	1879
Total				269	165	132	37	33	23	2264	$45 85	..	....

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